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SUBJECT: SHARK HUNT EXERCISE

REF STATE 023910

1. ASW PORTION OF SHARK HUNT EXERCISE WILL BE HELD
IN AREA S/SW OF KAOHSIUNG (CO-ORDINATES: 21-58N/
120-06E; 22-03N/120-22E; 22-22N/120-10E; 22-17N/
119-55E). THIS AREA IS MAXIMUM OF 30 NAUTICAL MILES FROM
TAIWAN COAST, AND MAXIMUM OF 22 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF
NORTH/SOUTH LINE RUNNING THROUGH KAOHSIUNG. IT IS
155 NAUTICAL MILES FROM PRC TERRITORY AT NEAREST POINT.
EXERCISE WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. FEB 4 (032300Z).

2. SURFACE-TO-AIR GUNNERY PORTION OF EXERCISE IS
SCHEDULED FOR AREA NORTHWEST OF KAOHSIUNG/TSOYING
AND DUE SOUTH OF PENGHU (CO-ORDINATES
22-50N/119-25E; 22-55N/119-25E; 22-55N/119-45E;
22-50N/119-45E). THIS AREA IS MAXIMUM OF 35 NAUTICAL
MILES FROM TAIWAN COAST, AND IS 109 NAUTICAL MILES FROM
PRC TERRITORY AT NEAREST POINT. IT IS AN ESTABLISHED
GUNNERY RANGE WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY ROC FOR SOME YEARS.
GUNNERY PORTION OF EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY

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5, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. (050100Z).

3. NOTICES TO AIRMEN AND MARINERS HAVE ALREADY GONE OUT CONCERNING ACTIVITY IN BOTH THE ASW AND GUNNERY AREAS.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED SHARK HUNT WITH ADMIRAL SNYDER, AND HE HAS ASSURED ME THAT EXERCISE CAN BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT RISK OF INCIDENT OR PROVOCATION. TDC WILL IMPRESS UPON US PARTICIPANTS NEED TO CONFINE THEIR ACTIVITIES TO DESIGNATED AREAS.

5. EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDS ARE ALSO STUDYING MEASURES TO PREVENT FUTURE EXERCISE INCIDENTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED IN NEAR FUTURE.

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